

2021 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit – “Lift the Father – Lift the Family”

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

[Summit Introduction](#)

Speaker(s): **Gov. Andy Beshear; DIS Commissioner Steven P. Veno; CCFF President David Cozart**

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

[Community Partner Presentations](#)

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

[Raising Consciousness \(Awareness\)](#)– This workshop will help participants identify structural racism that may affect how they can best serve fathers and families.

Speaker(s): **Secretary Eric Friedlander; Executive Advisor Rashaad Abdur-Rahman**

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Lunch Break

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

[Raising Commitment -Panel Discussion/Fireside Chat “The Father’s Plight”](#)

Panel will include fathers and service providers who will discuss their experiences with fathering and impacts for families and children.

Panelist: **Kwami Caldwell, Judge Derwin Webb, and additional Guest(s).**

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM

[Community Partner Presentations](#)

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

[Raising Compassion](#)– This workshop will focus on learning from fathers who will share lived experience such as interacting with social service agencies, accessing resources, and identifying support systems. Both presenters are both fathers and service providers.

Speaker(s): **Julius Johnson (Lexington Rescue Mission), Jeff Alston (Healthy Start - Louisville)**

[Raising Capacity](#) – See how Kentucky is doing to forward fatherhood as it relates to national efforts. Representatives from national organizations will share tools and resources to increase local community’s abilities to deliver father-centric services and enable Kentucky to continue building its capacity to effectively engage fathers. Participants will gain insights on building capacity in the fatherhood field to support and conduct well designed, scientifically valid evaluation studies among researchers and practitioners and learn of technical assistance and guidance to state leaders trying to implement father inclusion strategies.

Speaker(s): **Dr. Jessica Pearson, Ph.D., Center for Policy Research (CPR)/FRPN**

Day 2 – Thursday, October 13, 2021

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

[Raising Children](#) - This workshop will seek to accentuate and remind us that child well-being is ALWAYS the focus of all we do. Research has shown that positive father engagement impacts the life outcomes of children. This workshop will reinforce that fatherhood engagement needs to be viewed as primary prevention measure.

Speaker(s): **DCBS Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub & DomUnique Thomas (PCAKY)**

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[Raising Coalition/Collaboration](#) – Presenters will discuss barriers and successes encountered during the formation of coalitions as well as provide insight into effectively engaging community stakeholders. Participants will receive information on how fatherhood programming can be interwoven with youth, violence prevention, and family programming as well.

Speaker(s): **David Cozart (LLF-FI/ CCFF), Dr. Shawn Gardener**

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM

[Community Partner Presentations](#)

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

[Raising Competency](#) – This workshop will showcase agencies and services committing to engaging fathers in ways they have not before.

Speaker(s): **Dr. Armon Perry (U of L College of Social Work and 4 Your Child)**

Day 3 – Thursday, October 14, 2021

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

[Administration for Children & Families Presentation](#)

Speaker(s): **James Murray, Senior Advisor, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families**

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

[Community Partner Presentations](#)

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

[Health & Human Services Federal Grantee Showcase](#)

This workshop will showcase the current Health & Human Services federal grantees in Kentucky. Presenters will share the history of the grant, it's purpose, project goals and target audience, specifically outlining their curriculum.

Speaker(s): **Leah Kohr (Gateway Community Action); Tracy Stokes (Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission); Thomas Hollyfield (Mountain Comprehensive Care Centers)**

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Community Partner Presentations

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Raising Capital/Raising Collections – This workshop will have a two-pronged approach providing information on fundraising efforts for services providers as well as on increasing the capacity of noncustodial parents to meet child support obligations.

Speaker(s): Kiska Dennis-Gear, Fatherhood Program Manager, **Georgia Department of Human Services; Mike Riley (Kentucky Career Center)**

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Summit Conclusion

Speaker(s): **CCFF President David Cozart, CSE Director Lily Patteson**